

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 1, 2003. In that Office Action, claims 1-4 were withdrawn. Claims 5, 8-9, 14-15, 18 and 20-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102 as anticipated by U.S. Patent 2,252,417 to Sewall. Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 2,252,417 to Sewall. Claims 7, 10-13, 16, 17, 18 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 2,252,417 to Sewall in view of U.S. Patent 4,633,598 to Moronaga, et al. Claims 27-30 were allowed.

In this Amendment, Claims 1-26 are canceled without prejudice. Thus, the only claims remaining pending, Claims 27-30, being allowed, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.

No fees are believed necessary for the proper filing of this Amendment. However, if any fees are necessary, including any extension fees under Rule 136, please withdraw such fees as are necessary from Deposit Account 50-1274(10368/25901).

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